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(c) whether the constables of the Malabar Police force recently transferred to Mangalore continue to draw half a rupee over and above what a South Kanara Police constable gets;

(d) whether memorials have been submitted to the Government pointing out this invidious distinction and praying that the pay of the constables in South Kanara may be raised to the scale prevailing in other districts; and

(e) whether the Government propose to reconsider the matter and grant increase of half a rupee in the pay as prayed for?

A.—(a) Yes; but this lower rate of pay obtains in the Jeypore (Police district), Ganjam, Vizagapatam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Kistna and the Nilgiri districts also.

(b) Suitable men can be found in these districts in sufficient numbers on the lower scale of pay.

(c) Yes. The Malabar men are only temporarily sent to Mangalore.

(d) Yes.

(e) The Government see no sufficient ground to do so for the reasons indicated at (b).

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"With reference to the answer to clause (b) 'suitable men can be found in these districts in sufficient numbers on the lower scale of pay,' may I know whether the scale of pay depends upon suitable men being available for the pay offered and whether this principle guides the Government in fixing pay for different posts in all departments."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"I think their qualifications are taken into consideration."

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know whether the cost of living is less in South Kanara than in other districts where the constables are paid annas 8 more?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"I should like to have notice."

Religious Disputes

Hindu-Moslem disputes in Guntur.

*147 *Q.*—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to lay on the table of the House a report regarding the Hindu-Moslem disputes in Guntur in connexion with the Muharram this year?

A.—A report [a] is laid on the table.

Mr. Basheer Ahmad:—"May I know at what stage the matter is left there?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar:—"If my hon. Friend reads the report that has been laid on the table he will find that every aspect of the question relating to the Hindu-Moslem disputes in Guntur is given there."

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 319 infra.